

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1. (Original) A method of treating a skin disorder caused by an insect bite or sting comprising applying wherein a composition comprising more than 90% by weight alkanol selected from C<sub>1-4</sub> alkane monools, -diols and -triols and less than 10% by weight water, is applied to an the area of skin affected by said disorder a composition, wherein the composition comprises more than 90% by weight of an alkanol and less than 10% by weight water, wherein the alkanol is selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub> alkane-monools, -diols and -triols, and wherein the composition is retained in contact with the ~~said~~ area of skin for a period in the range of 1 minute to 48 hours, ~~whereby the sting or bite is cured;~~

wherein the active ingredient is the alkanol,

wherein the skin disorder is selected from the group consisting of pain, swelling, itching and edema; and

wherein the effect of the application of the composition is reduction or inhibition of pain, reduction or inhibition of swelling, reduction or inhibition of itching, or reduction or inhibition of edema.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The A method according to claim 1 wherein the ~~said~~ period is in the range 5 minutes to 6 hours.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The A method according to claim 1 in which a first dose of said composition is retained in contact with the skin for a period in the range 5 minutes to 6 hours and then a second dose of the composition is applied to the said area of skin and is retained in contact with the said area of skin for a further period in the range 5 minutes to 6 hours.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The A method according to claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises a polymeric gelling agent dispersed or dissolved in the alkanol.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The A method according to claim 4 wherein the active sting or bite curing ingredient consists essentially of said alkanol.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The A method according to claim 5 wherein the said active consists essentially only of said alkanol.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The A method according to claim 4 wherein said composition consists essentially only of alkanol, gelling agent and water.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The A method according to claim 1 wherein the alkanol is ethanol.

Claims. 9-36. (Canceled)

Claim 37. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a skin disorder comprising by applying to the skin a composition, wherein the composition comprises ~~comprising~~ more than 90% by weight of an alkanol selected from the group consisting of isopropanol, n-propanol, mixtures of isopropanol and n-propanol, mixtures of propanol, selected from the group consisting of isopropanol, n-propanol and mixtures thereof, and ethanol in which the ratio of propanol to ethanol is in the range 10:1 to 1:10, a polymeric gelling agent in an amount in the range 0.1 to 10% by weight and less than 10% by weight water;

wherein the effect of the application of the composition is reduction or inhibition of pain, reduction or inhibition of swelling, reduction or inhibition of itching, or reduction or inhibition of edema, or the reduction of infection of skin abrasions or burst blisters; and wherein the effect of the application is a result of the alkanol penetrating to layers of skin below the stratus corneum.

Claim 38. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a skin disorder comprising by applying to the skin a composition, wherein the composition comprises ~~comprising~~ more than 90% by weight of an alkanol selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>4</sub> alkanols, mixtures thereof and mixtures thereof with ethanol wherein the ratio of (C<sub>1</sub> C<sub>3</sub> and/or C<sub>4</sub> alkanol) : ethanol is in the range 1:10 to 10:1, a polymeric gelling agent in an amount in the range 0.1 to 10% by weight and less than 10% by weight water; and

wherein the effect of the application of the composition is reduction or inhibition of pain, reduction or inhibition of swelling, reduction or inhibition of itching, reduction or inhibition of edema, or the reduction of infection of skin abrasions or burst blisters; and wherein the effect of the application is a result of the alkanol penetrating to layers of skin below the stratus corneum.